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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KNOTT ET AL

Examiner

Marc S. Zimmer

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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As a means of overcoming the rejections over Burow et al., Applicant has amended the independent claims so as to stipulate that, where the oxyalkylene segment of the claimed organofunctional polysiloxane-oxyalkylene copolymer is devoid of units derived from styrene oxide, the copolymer must also have phenylethyl substituents attached elsewhere on the siloxane backbone. The art rejections¹³ that follow~~are~~ are a result of an updated search that focused on this concept.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-14 are objected to because, in the event that the oxyalkylene segment of the claimed organofunctional polysiloxane-oxyalkylene copolymer is devoid of units derived from styrene oxide, the subscript would have to equal 2 or more insofar as there would necessarily be present at least one oxyalkylene chain as a substituent and at least one phenylethyl group as a substituent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-4 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The claimed method purports to disperse a pigment in an aqueous medium yet there is no affirmative step in the body of the claim that mentions water. It is submitted that Applicant might address this matter simply by inserting the word "aqueous" before the phrase "dispersion medium" in line 3 of the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 4, 5, and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Papa, U.S. patent # 4,070,313. Papa disclose the preparation of polymer compositions based on resole resins that also contain a polysiloxane having specified structural attributes. One of the four primary embodiments of the polysiloxane is a polysiloxane-polyether copolymer bearing phenylethyl groups at one or more backbone silicon atoms that adheres to the structural limitations of the corresponding component of the instant invention. Relevant to the present discussion, it is contemplated that pigments and fillers may be incorporated into the composition (column 18, lines 62-64). In the Examples, the polysiloxanes are combined with the resole resin and fluoboric acid in a 48 wt.% aqueous solution. Moreover, it will be appreciated by the skilled artisan that pigments may also be present and the particular siloxane disclosed, typically the polymer displayed at the bottom of column 1 may be replaced in any instance with the siloxane-oxyalkylene of interest. An aqueous formulation is, by definition, one containing water. Insofar as water is added as a diluent for the catalyst, this aspect of the claimed invention is satisfied.

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Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objection set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. If the resole B is to be equated with the dispersing resin, it is clear that this component is made available to the prior art compositions in a substantially greater quantity than is permitted by the claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc S. Zimmer whose telephone number is 571-272-1096. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on 571-272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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